

The following is a suggestion for a proclamation from your city/town, based on the City of Calgary's 2014 proclamation. Proclamations should also include City letterhead and an official seal, if appropriate.

National Poetry Month and World Poetry Day celebrate poetry, writing, and the contribution of poets and all writers to the identity and quality of life of our communities. These initiatives also celebrate libraries and the work of municipal leaders to promote literacy, reading, culture, and the arts.

Whereas: Poetry reaffirms our common humanity by revealing to us that individuals everywhere share the same questions and feelings;

Whereas: Poetry is a mainstay of oral tradition and, over centuries, can communicate the innermost values of diverse culture;

Whereas: Thousands of organizations participate through readings, festivals, books displays, workshops, and other events.

On behalf of City Council and the citizens of **[your municipality]**, I hereby proclaim
March 21, 2017 as:

WORLD POETRY DAY

And the month of April 2017 as:

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

[Mayor's signature]

[Mayor's name]

Mayor